



OBJECT OF MANHUNT—Charles Smith, left, and his brother, Elmer, who were being taken from Vincennes, Ind., to Muskogee, Okla., in the custody of a Muskogee deputy sheriff, slugged the deputy at St. Clair, Mo., and escaped in his car. Missouri state police have set up road blocks and have begun a mass manhunt for the pair. They are armed and considered dangerous. (UPI Telephoto)

Home Inspection Is Planned by City Fire Department

During 1959, some 32 persons in Oregon perished in home fires, including 14 children under five years old. An average of 33 Oregon homes a day sustained some loss due to fire.

In an effort to reduce this toll, the Medford fire department is joining with departments throughout the state in a Home Fire Prevention campaign.

During the campaign, starting Monday, April 18, uniformed firemen with proper identification will call at Medford residences to offer their services in pointing out fire hazards, often not recognized as such by the residents.

Medford Fire Marshal Truman Nelson pointed out that due to the large number of homes in Medford, the department only concentrates on one-half of them each year.

Inspected This Year
All homes having addresses on streets extending east and west will be inspected this year. Last year, those homes having addresses on streets extending north and south were inspected.

Nelson said that the hazards found in the homes are usually thought of as being minor. But these minor hazards are the kind that are responsible for the large majority of house fires, he added.

In 1959, 1,816 homes were inspected and a total of 1,336 recommendations were made for the removal of fire hazards. Nelson pointed out that the worth of this campaign is exhibited by the fact that last year there was a noticeable drop in the number of dwelling house fires following these inspections.

"The reason for these inspections then, is obvious," he said, "because every fire that can be prevented by removing the cause of that fire means that much less loss of property and less danger to human life."

Increases Noted
In Oregon alone last year there was a 7.87 per cent increase in home fires over 1958. This set an all-time high for the state of 12,122 home fire claims, not even counting those homes damaged in the Roseburg disaster.

Nelson pointed out that the home fire prevention campaign is based on the principle that the inspection is a fire department service to the citizens and that the householder can refuse entrance to the inspector without incurring any penalty or official action.

Chicken Pox Leads Number of Diseases

Chicken pox and measles accounted for the greatest number of communicable diseases reported in Jackson county last week, according to Dr. C. I. Drummond, public health physician.

A total of 40 chicken pox cases were reported, 28 of them in Medford. Other cases were reported at Phoenix 3, Central Point 4, Rogue River 2, and Gold Hill, Shady Cove, and Ashland, 1 each.

Thirty cases of measles were reported, 13 in Ashland, 6 in Ruch, 5 in Medford and 3 in Phoenix and Evans Valley.

Other communicable diseases reported included German measles, Medford 1; influenza, Medford 10, Ashland 2, Shady Cove 1; whooping cough, Medford 2; meningococci meningitis, Ashland and Medford 1; mumps, Medford 4, Rogue River 3; pneumonia, Ashland 2; scarlet fever, Medford 1; and strep throat, Medford 1.

Portland Pilot Killed in Scotland

London — (UPI) — The Third U.S. Air Force today identified the pilot killed in a jet fighter crash Thursday as 1st Lt. Richard W. Kesson, 31, of Portland, Ore.

Kesson was killed when his F-100 jet fighter, based at Wetherfield, Essex, crashed in a storm near North Dalmally, Scotland.

Kesson is survived by his wife, Diana Mae, and two children, Katherine, 3, and James, 16 months. His mother is Mrs. Ruth K. Radzikowski of Los Angeles.

The Kesson family lived in Brintree, near the airfield where Kesson was based with the 55th tactical fighter squadron of the 20th tactical fighter wing.

Old Anchor Cause Of Controversy

Portland — (UPI) — An ancient anchor dredged from the muddy bottom of the Columbia river has become the center of a controversy over property rights.

The anchor, believed to be 100 years old or more, was pulled up recently by the Army Engineers' Tug Polimus while grappling for a smaller anchor lost by a dredge.

It was found about 250 yards from the site of Fort Vancouver and about 400 yards upstream from the Interstate highway bridge.

Frank Hjort, superintendent of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, said the 12-foot wrought iron anchor had been found near his balliwick and said he wanted it back. It is presently in custody of the Army Engineers here.

The Sea Explorers indicated they may put in a claim for it, and the Army Engineers said they want to keep it.

The decision will rest with Col. Walter Winegar, district engineer, who was out of town on business.

COLORS CLASH
London — (UPI) — Alan Humphries was fined \$14 Thursday for failing to paste his tax sticker on his car's windshield. "My car is yellow and the sticker is blue. I didn't like the clash of colors," he explained to the judge.

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